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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Trygve GULBRANDSEN *et al.*

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For: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF CONTRAST AGENTS

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Group Art Unit: 1204

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants wish to direct the attention of the Examiner to the information cited on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of each of the cited documents filed on Form PTO-1449 are submitted herewith.

The present disclosure of information is being made prior to the issuance of the first Official Action on the merits of the present application, and no fee is therefore due.

The Examiner is most respectfully requested to return an initialed and dated copy of Form PTO-1449 to confirm that all of the listed documents have been considered and made officially of record in the file of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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